

SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT9-68. Determination of Allotment and Award of Grants under
Section 1419(d) of the Safe Drinking Water Act

1. **AUTHORITY.** As authorized by Section 1419(d) of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 300f, et. seq.), for expense reimbursement under the operator certification program to:
 - a. Approve grants (and any subsequent amendments to the initial expense reimbursement grant) for the costs of training, including an appropriate per diem for unsalaried operators, and certification for persons operating systems serving 3,300 persons or fewer that are required to undergo training pursuant to SDWA Section 1419.
 - b. Receive notification from any State which, after reimbursing all such costs referred to in 1.a. decides to use any remaining funds from the grant for any of the other purposes authorized for grants under Section 1452.
2. **TO WHOM DELEGATED.** Director, Water Division.
3. **LIMITATIONS.** The delegatee, must obtain concurrence from the director of the Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water before approving the first expense reimbursement grant agreement in the region. OGWDW and the region will agree in advance on additional agreements, or parts thereof, for OGWDW to review. Any review by OGWDW will be conducted concurrently with the region.
4. **REDELEGATION AUTHORITY.**
 - a. The authorities under 1.a. and 1.b. may be redelegated to the branch chief level, or equivalent, and no further.
 - b. An official who redelegates an authority retains the right to exercise or withdraw the authority. Redelegated authority may be exercised by any official in the chain of command down to the official to whom it has been specifically redelegated.
5. **ADDITIONAL REFERENCES.**
 - a. 40 C.F.R. Chapter 1, Subchapter B; 2 C.F.R. Parts 200 and 1500.
 - b. Delegation 1-14-A, Assistance Agreements.
 - c. EPA Order Series 5700.
 - d. Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act of 1977, P.L. No. 95-224, as amended, 31 U.S.C. §6301 et seq.

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- e. EPA Guidelines for the Certification and Recertification of the Operators of Community and Non-transient Non-community Public Water Systems.



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